



# BASEBALL PEI – PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION POLICY

## 1.0 Purpose and Scope

Baseball PEI is responsible for organizing, developing, and selecting athletes and teams to represent the province at Baseball Canada National Championships and Canada Games events.

This policy establishes the procedures, guidelines, criteria, and standards governing Provincial Team selection and management.

For the purpose of this policy, the term *tryout* includes all evaluation activities used to determine final roster selection, including practice-style evaluations, intra-squad games, and exhibition games.

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## 2.0 Authority and Selection Oversight

### 2.1 Selection Committee

For Provincial teams requiring tryouts, a Selection Committee will be formed consisting of:

- The Provincial Team Head Coach; and
- A minimum of two independent members with no direct relation to athletes trying out.

For clarity, “independent members” refers to coaching staff or designated evaluators who have no bias, or family relation to athletes participating in the tryout process.

Where a Selection Committee member has a direct relation to an athlete, that member must remove themselves from discussion and ranking of that athlete.

For teams where tryouts are not required due to limited interest, eligible athletes approved by the Head Coach may be submitted directly to the Baseball PEI Board of Directors.

### 2.2 Final Approval



The Baseball PEI Board of Directors retains final approval authority over all Provincial Team rosters.

## **2.3 Conflict of Interest**

Selection Committee members must remove themselves from any discussion or ranking where a conflict of interest exists.

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## **3.0 Athlete Eligibility and Residency**

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must:

- Be a registered member in good standing of Baseball PEI
- Meet Baseball PEI, Baseball Canada, and/or Canada Games residency rules
- Pay all required fees
- Be eligible under the applicable event rules
- Participate in club baseball during the summer (13U–18U)

Athletes must declare one permanent residence. Full-time students outside their home community remain residents of their permanent residence.

Out-of-province athletes may only be selected where Baseball Canada and the athlete's home province grant approval.

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## **4.0 Team Composition and Roster Size**

### **4.1 Recommended Roster Sizes**

Final roster size remains at the discretion of the Head Coach with approval from BPEI, considering pitcher-only athletes, development opportunities, travel costs, and player availability.

Where athletes are included primarily for development experience, written parental acknowledgement must confirm there is no expectation of game participation.

### **4.2 22U Program Structure**



Tryouts will be held for athletes within the 22U age category.

If insufficient in-age players are available, the Provincials Committee, in consultation with the 22U Head Coach, will determine whether a team will be entered.

If required for competitiveness, 18U players may be rostered provided that:

- Selected 18U players retain their place on their 18U roster;
- Players cut from the 18U team may be considered;
- 18U-aged players who chose not to try out for 18U are not eligible.

For the 22U All-Star team, the Head Coach may invite eligible players to form the roster and formal tryouts are not required.

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## **5.0 Selection Process**

### **5.1 Evaluation Standards**

The Selection Committee will apply consistent evaluation tools and document results based on clearly defined criteria aligned with team needs and event requirements.

### **5.2 Roster Ranking and Replacement**

Where applicable, athletes may be tiered, grouped, or internally ranked to assist decision-making; however, final roster decisions are based on overall team composition and positional requirements, not solely numerical ranking.

If a selected athlete declines a roster position, the Committee will replace that athlete with the next most suitable candidate, taking into consideration positional needs, role requirements (e.g., pitcher-only, catcher, etc.), and overall team balance.

### **5.3 Athlete Feedback**

Upon request, The coaching staff and/or Baseball PEI will provide feedback regarding evaluation outcomes in accordance with documented results.

### **5.4 Athletes Unable to Attend Tryouts**



Where an athlete cannot attend tryouts due to injury, schooling, out-of-province residency, or other exceptional circumstances, the Selection Committee must:

- Complete a written rationale outlining:
  - Athlete Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Reason for non-attendance
  - Summary of available evaluation data (past performance, scouting reports, previous Provincial participation, etc.)
  - Rationale for selection consideration
  
- Submit the rationale to the Baseball PEI Board of Directors for approval prior to roster confirmation.

Board approval is required before an athlete who did not meaningfully participate in the tryout process may be named to a final roster.

Baseball PEI will make best efforts to hold tryouts in each of PEI's three counties where feasible.

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## **6.0 Multiple Team Participation and Canada Games**

### **6.1 Multiple Provincial Teams**

An athlete's in-age category is the priority.

- Athletes may be selected to more than one Provincial team in a season.
- No athlete may compete on more than two Provincial teams in one season.

Where schedules conflict:

- Over-age in younger division and in-age team — athlete may choose.
- Under-age in older division and in-age team — in-age team must be prioritized.

### **6.2 Canada Games Years**

Canada Games athletes must be registered with their home association and remain eligible and prepared for club/zone play. Workload accommodations may be granted case-by-case to protect athlete health.



## **7.0 Club-Level Participation Requirements**

Provincial athletes must compete at the highest level available in their home zone, try out for AAA where applicable, and not voluntarily choose a lower competitive level.

Players not selected to AAA may play AA.

Players cut from home-zone AAA may seek AAA in another zone with required approvals from both associations and Baseball PEI.

### **7.1 18U and 22U Participation**

For clarity:

- 18U-aged athletes are expected to participate in the 18U program where eligible.
- 18U-aged athletes may only participate with a 22U team in exceptional circumstances where the 22U program requires under-age athletes to field a competitive team.
- 18U-aged athletes may not voluntarily opt out of 18U participation in order to play 22U.
- Any exception must align with Section 4.2 (22U Program Structure) and receive approval from the Provincials Committee and Baseball PEI.

### **7.2 Exemptions**

Exemptions from Association/Zone participation remain rare and case-by-case.

Requests for exemption must:

- Be initiated by the Provincial Team Head Coach
  - Be made in consultation with the athlete and family
  - Include written rationale outlining developmental, competitive, or exceptional circumstances
  - Be approved by the Provincial Committee prior to confirmation
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## **8.0 Athlete Obligations, Removal and Funding**

### **8.1 Athlete Responsibilities**



To remain on a Provincial Team, athletes must:

- Sign the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct
- Submit required documentation
- Participate in team activities
- Maintain equipment and financial commitments
- Follow all Baseball PEI and team rules
- Assist with approved PR or fundraising when required

## **8.2 Removal**

An athlete may be removed for:

- Failure to meet training standards
- Policy or Code of Conduct violations
- Failure to remain competitively ready
- Injury or illness affecting readiness
- Voluntary withdrawal
- Fraudulent misrepresentation
- Failure to pay required fees

The Head Coach, with approval from the Director of Provincial Teams, may remove an athlete after the athlete has been given an opportunity to be heard. Written notice must be provided.

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## **9.0 Team Announcement and Appeals**

Baseball PEI will publicly announce teams within seven (7) days of final selection via the website and social media platforms.

Appeals regarding selection or removal decisions must follow the Baseball PEI Appeal Policy and will only be heard where it is demonstrated that this or another Baseball PEI policy was not properly followed.